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Calendar of Events

AUGUST

3-5	BARONS' WAR **
11	STAG'S CON **
25	ALTHING **
30-SEP 3	SILVER PASS VI

SEPTEMBER

14-16	CHAMPIONS **
30	ESPERANZA III **

*** Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies*

From the Baron and Baroness

Unto the people of al-Barran, do Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina, Baron and Baroness, send greetings. May your heart be as warm as the Summer day and your love grow healthy and strong as the crops in the field.

The hot Summer sun has shone down on many wonderful and exciting events over the past couple of months. We would like to thank all of you who have worked in the heat of the day to make the events we attend such fun-filled adventures.

The first weekend of July, many of the people of al-Barran came together to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Mexico by participating in their annual charity Horse Faire. The day was extremely hot and demanded that many good gentles give of their time and energy to help the few SCA riders put on a wonderful show for the crowd. We offer a very special thanks to those people who stood in the dusty arena just waiting to return the equestrian gaming equipment to its position once more. The professional jousts hired by the Foundation were great fun to watch and gave us many exciting ideas for future horse games.

This past month, Their Royal Majesties, Kynan and Eleanor, visited this fair barony and a Stag's Bloodbath was held. Although the number of people in attendance was not great, the fun and fighting had was immense! When the fighting was done for the day, we enjoyed a fabulous feast together. As the evening grew into night, many of us gathered and sang inside the castle walls. Our gratitude goes to the Honorable Lord Michael McBain and Lord Malcolm Makalestyr for autocrating such a fine event.

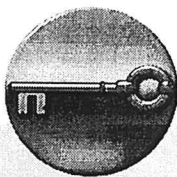
Barons' War is fast upon us. Please join us in traveling to the barony of Dragonsspine the first weekend of August for a weekend of fighting and revelry among our cousins in the mountains of Colorado. Last year, al-Barran brought more fighters to the field than even the northern groups. Let's do it again! This year, His Majesty has so generously offered up a fiefdom to the Court Baron or Baroness who wins the day. It is sure to be a wonderful time.

August will see us traveling quite a bit. The second weekend will take us back up north to the barony of Caerthe for Stag's Con and the third weekend will take us south to the shire of Glenn Medonnach for an equestrian practice at THL Siubhan and Lord Ponce's estate. Saturday, August 25th, we invite all the people of the barony to join us for an Althing at 1:00 p.m. at our home. We will meet with the baronial officers at 11:00 a.m. and open the meeting to the populace there after to be followed by a potluck, late lunch. Please come in costume and bring a dish to share. This will be a time to discuss our past accomplishments and future goals as well as a brainstorming session. As always, we hope that anyone would feel comfortable bringing their ideas for events and projects to us. We will continue to reap the benefits of all our hard work this Summer into the coming months of Fall. Thank you all again for the hours of service you invest in our group! You truly make al-Barran great!

Trevor

Fermina

From the Seneschal



Unto the populous of the barony of al-Barran do I send greetings to all,

I hope that everyone is having a wonderful SCA summer. I hope that with all the activity going on at events that people are remembering the basics, drink water, then drink more water and then drink some more, oh yeah, and put some sunscreen on while you're at it.

Now is the time to come to the aid of your barony. Barons' War is fast approaching and with it the time to revel in the greatness of al-Barran. We live in the greatest Kingdom in the Known World and now is the time for all to come together under the baronial banners refine our martial and artistic skills at Barons' War. For those that do not know it is on August 3rd-5th.

Immediately following is Stag's Con. Stag's Con is not just for officers and would-be officers. There will also be seminars on autocrating and other administrative-type of stuff. Master Adam has a detailed list of classes if you want to know.

On that note the calendar is filling up fast. If you wanted to do an event before next summer you need to get hold of me fast, like yesterday. The only events that are really open are kingdom ones, which we are very interested in doing. If you are interested give me a call and we'll talk. Just because we are running out of space for this year's calendar does not mean that one cannot achieve greatness in this area. Please, jump in with a current autocrat and make your greatness known. The volunteers of al-Barran (which is everyone) are what make us great as witnessed by all the volunteer hours last Estrella, thanks to all.

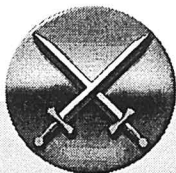
If you missed Stag's Bloodbath, you missed a treat. The weather kept the air cool and the dust down at Land's End which made for great fighting and plenty of other activities including the making of an oven. Thank you to Malcolm and Michael for a smooth running event. I must single out Malcolm, who did all of my requests, before the event, with not only no complaints but also with aplomb and enthusiasm. Once on site, Michael kept things running smoothly and ensured everyone around him had a good time. There are men and there are great men, 'nuff said.

Also, lend your hands to Bria, who is our new Waterbearer. I sense great things to come, as well as a lot of water, from that office. Congratulations Bria!

In Service to the Dream,

Sijerne

From the Knight Marshal



Greetings:

I hope this missive finds everyone enjoying their summer. Events are in full swing now. Congratulations to THL Devin for winning the Captain of the Stag's Bloods tournament, and also HUZAH to Michael McBain and Malcolm for doing such a fine job autocrating this event.

I would just like to remind everyone that Stag's Con will be held on the 11th this month in the Barony of Carthe. This is a very informative event if you are an officer, or if you would just like to be better informed about how our game is played. If you have the time I highly recommend that you attend this.

The monthly tournament at fighter practice will be held on the 19th. As of this writing I am not quite sure what the format will be, but it will probably be some sort of group activity. More will be posted as this is firmed up. For now rest assured that much fun will be had by all who enter this list.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the fighters and instructors that made Natter College such a success. If you have suggestions for improvement please let me know. Lastly, please make sure that your armor stays in good repair, and that it is checked regularly for wear.

In Service,
James David

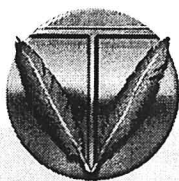
From the Rapier Marshal

Heartfelt thanks to the wonderful people who have kept fighter practice going while I have been traveling this summer. The monthly rapier tournament was held. It was a bear pit tourney that Lord Coinneach won. Barons' War is the 4th and 5th of August in Dragonsspine and for rapier there will be a tournament hosted by Mistress Brianna. You will need to be sponsored by a landed Baron or Baroness; not necessarily your own. It will be great fun!

Champions is coming in September. Bronwen has kindly offered to coordinate the rapier activities at Her Excellency's discretion. There will be at least two tournaments; one being a Protector tourney. Marshals will be in demand, so please do volunteer your time. We are again looking for loaner gear. What we have is being used and is greatly appreciated. We have another influx of new faces and I am considering a fundraiser or "gear-drive" to gather some new equipment. If you have an extra mask or epee blade in the back of your closet, please bring it to the park and we will outfit these eager newcomers.

In Service,
Ravena

From the Chronicler



Warm greetings unto the populace of al-Barran!

As of the end of July, we have 97 active subscriptions to the Shaft. In addition, 20 complimentary issues and 8 trades with other newsletters will go out this month.

This month, 7 subscriptions expired and 3 people renewed their subscriptions. We also received 1 new subscription. 7 more subscriptions will expire by the end of August, so please check your address label and renew your subscription if necessary.

Champions is just around the corner and in order to enter the tournaments, you must have a subscription to the Shaft. We will be selling subscriptions at the event, but if you would like to get it out of the way, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

In Service,

Kymme



From the Hospitaller

Greetings unto the Populace of al-Barran.

A large thank you goes out to Duchess Aziza, Master Adam, Lady Dubheasa and all those who attended the Equestrian Demo on July 7th.

Thank you also to Lady Alethea la Sage and Lady Tana for their very generous donation of a large amount of loaner garb.

With my tenure as Hospitaller a little over half-way through, it is time to start thinking about a replacement, so that person is able to ease into the office. If you would like to be the next Hospitaller, send letters of interest to Their Excellencies, Lord Stjerne, and myself.

In Service,

Molle

Barons' War

Barony of Dragonsspine

Lost Burro Campground, Cripple Creek, CO 80813

August 3 - 5, 2001 A.S. XXXVI

Site opens at Noon, 8/3, Site closes at 5 p.m., 8/5

Site Fee: \$10.00 for the Weekend, \$5.00 for Day Trip,

Family cap of \$40.00

Make checks payable to "SCA-Dragonsspine"

Site is WET

While the King is off in the Holy Lands, the Barons attempt to usurp royal powers. Come one and all and take the side of Light or Darkness. Landed Nobles shall clash upon the field, Court Barons and Baronesses shall take up arms to gain what has not been given. Knights and Peers shall make ready the trappings of war and rally to one side or the other. Squires will sharpen their swords with shieldmen readying their spears. Other Kingdoms, hearing of this civil strife, are planning on attending as well.

Join us for a weekend to resolve the battle between these two forces in the mountains grandeur, being refreshed from the hot, dry summer with rippling streams and whispering pines. The Court Barons and Baronesses guided by the autocrat are running this years Barons' War. There will be melee fighting, tourney fighting (for both heavy and light), archery, duels, mayhem and bawdy tymes. Forces shall be split into Light and Dark sides and shall compete over the weekend.

Directions: Take the Kings Highway (I-25) to Dragonsspine. Take Colorado HW-24 West to the mountains, (Cimmaron Exit 141.) Continue through Woodland Park. Do not take the turn to Cripple Creek at Divide. Travel through Divide to Florissant. Turn left at Florissant onto CR Teller #1 and travel South 13 miles. The campground will be on the right side of road. Look for the signs.

Important: Animals are allowed, but strongly discouraged. The site is in the mountains and wildlife is abundant with bears and raccoons. Please keep your food locked up and campsite free of debris. Please drink plenty of water due to the elevation of the site. Merchants are welcome, please RSVP the Autocrat. FOOD! Again this year Mary, the Camp Owner will be providing us with a Snack Shop and her wonderful barbecue. Her steaks, burgers and brats are very delicious and reasonably priced.

Amenities: This campground has running water with flush toilets AND showers! Bundles of wood will be sold for \$3.50 a bundle. There are fire pits! Also RV Pads with electricity are available on the top level of the campground. Please call the autocrat for separate reservations and fees if bringing a RV.

Autocrat: Baroness Cainnleach Uisier of Glendalough (Marcy Riviezzo)
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			Fight
5 Fighter & Rapier Practice Barons' War	6 Sammer Burton's Needle Period Acting	7	Fight
12 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dance Practice	13 Sammer Burton's Needle Period Acting	14	Fight
19 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dance Practice	20 Sammer Burton's Needle Period Acting	21 Citizen's Meeting	Fight
26 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dance Practice	27 Sammer Burton's Needle Period Acting	28	Fight

Monday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Bladdwyn ter Practice	2	3 Barons' War	4 Archery Practice Barons' War
8 Bladdwyn ter Practice	9 Heraldry Meeting	10	11 Stag's Con
15 Bladdwyn ter Practice	16	17	18 Archery Practice
22 Bladdwyn ter Practice	23 Heraldry Meeting	24	25 Althing
29 Bladdwyn ter Practice	30	31	

Silver Pass VI

Shire of Lost Souls

609 Elk Meadow Drive, Durango, CO 81301

August 30 - September 3, 2001 A.S. XXXVI

Site opens at Noon, 8/30; Site closes at Noon, 9/3

Site Fee: \$12; Children under 12 are half-price; 5 and under free

Make checks payable to "SCA - Lost Souls"

Site is DISCREETLY WET

Greetings to all who come by these words from the shire of Rio de las Animas Perdidas. We wish you good fortune and prosperity as our summer season is now in full.

As Autocrat of this fine event, I am challenging all those of the Outlands who hold the Stag and it's strength dear to their hearts to travel to the Silver Mountains of Durango, Colorado. Help us deny those from the west from staking claim of our shire. For the numbers are growing in the Kingdom of Artemesia, and it is heard that they long to retake the pass more than the Outlands wishes to hold it. Whether it be fighting, arching, singing, drumming, or dancing (or anything in between) attend and join the Lost Souls in correcting their point of view.

At this event the heavy weapons' Silver Pass Tourney will be Saturday, some time after dawn (lists @ 10 am). The light weapons' Shire Defender Tourney will be Sunday, sometime after dawn (lists @ 10 am). A prize melee for each, heavy and light, will be held on the opposite days of the tourney's. As well as a planned Kingdom Fencing Symposium put on by Ildiko the Blonde. There will be various ax and knife throws. Archer competitions will be on-going both days (IKAC, Royal, fun prizes, etc.), and there is "a plenty" of shooting opportunity. A/S competitions for brewing, drumming, and bardic will be held. There is to be a dessert competition (so sweeten up), and an open-documentation (if you got it) all inclusive competition (except brewing, drumming, or bardic of course). We will have a high amount of children's activities, our annual Rolling Pin Toss, the return of Helena's Tavern, which will be on Saturday night this year, and... and... and... a bit of "End 'o Season" relaxation. On both Saturday and Sunday, there will be a break in scheduled activities from 4:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Anything planned between these times is perfectly fine, we would simply like to allow *everyone* some time for their evening meal and/or time to relax.

The site is at 6,800 feet, and is in bear and cougar and bee country, so beware. Dogs must be on leash. Site does have water, but in limited supply. There are still restrictions on open fires, candles, and tiki torches. Minor waivers, which are notarized and proper, will be required for all minors not accompanied by their legal guardian. All sponsors will be accountable for their minor's actions.

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al-Barran Champions

Barony of al-Barran

Land's End, Stanley, NM

September 14 - 16, 2001 A.S. XXXVI

Site opens at Noon, 9/14; Site closes at 4 p.m., 9/16

No site fee!

Site is WET and the feast is potluck!

The time is fast approaching to celebrate the glory that is al-Barran! Come join us for the festivities and competitions September 14 through 16 at Land's End. In order to enter any of the titled tournaments or compete for the position of Bard of al-Barran, the entrant must have a current subscription to the Baronial Shaft, which will be sold on site. In addition, to compete in either of Her Excellency's tournaments, the entrant must entertain the Baroness with a song, story, joke, poem, bit of knowledge, etc. The Baronial Flower of Chivalry and the Rapier Flower of Chivalry will also be chosen at this event. Melees? Thought you would never ask. There will be ship-to-ship battles, other melee games, and the autocrat's own 6' and under melee.

Friday, September 14:

Noon: Site opens

Opening Court before the list opens at Their Excellencies' discretion

7 p.m.: List opens for Holder of Baroness's Favor

8 p.m.: Drum/dancy party outside the castle

Saturday, September 15:

9 a.m.: Opening Court

9 a.m.: List opens for Baron's Champion

10 a.m.: List opens for Protector of the Baroness' Heart

10 a.m.: List opens for Champion Archer

1 p.m.: Melee games

5 p.m.: Evening Court

After Court: Potluck Feast

Dusk: Bardic at the castle (no drumming this night please)

Sunday, September 16:

9 a.m.: List opens for Master Swordsman

10 a.m.: List opens for Master Blade

1 p.m.: Melee games

4 p.m.: Site closes

The Barony will provide meat dishes (beef and chicken) for the feast on Saturday night, so please bring a side dish to share. Bring out any tables and chairs you might have so we may all dine together in the company of Their Excellencies.

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Do you have "stuff" that is just sitting around taking up space, "stuff" that someone else may find useful or interesting, "stuff" that you would like to see find a home other than yours (no children or pets please)? This is the place to bring it. There will be a Baronial swap meet/flea market for your shopping pleasure. Bring your stuff to the gate and swap with others, have a seat in the shade and hawk your wares, or just come check out the goodies. If you would like to donate items for the Barony to sell, please contact the Autocrat for more information.

There is no water on site, so be sure to bring plenty. Pets are allowed but must be leashed. Please remember that this is a plague area so be sure to provide protection for your pets and children. No open flames without fire extinguishers, shovels, and/or water present. Fire restrictions may be upgraded if necessary. Check at the gate for more information.

Directions: Take I-40 east from Albuquerque to exit 196 at Moriarty. Go north on NM-41 for 12 miles. Turn right (east) on White Lakes Road, and go 4.5 miles. Turn left (north) on Rough Road and go 2 miles. Turn right (east) at the road (there will be a sign) and go 1 mile to Land's End.

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Esperanza III

Barony of al-Barran

Jeanne Bellamah Park

Sunday, September 30, 2001 A.S. XXXVI

Site opens at 9:00 a.m.; Site closes at 6:00 p.m.

Site fee: Free

Site is DRY

The Barony of al-Barran cordially invites you to join us for a day of festivities at the third annual Esperanza event.

During the Middle Ages, at the height of chivalry, there was a day much celebrated throughout the European countries. This day was known as Michaelmas to honor Archangel Michael, the first champion. By this title of champion he was recognized as the patron of the many orders of knighthood. On his Feast Day (September 29), all the angels are honored as is St. Michael.

Bring forth your period pavilions, let your banners soar and dress up in your finest garb as we celebrate Hope (Esperanza) and the Feast of Angels (Fiesta de Los Angeles). Invite your co-workers, friends and neighbors that they may experience the chivalry, courtesy and hospitality of our fair Barony.

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We will have heavy and light weapons tournaments as well as a youth blade tournament this year. Heralds are needed to cry the challenges and proclaim feats of skill. We will have Arts & Science exhibitions, contests*, youth activities and more. A variety of period foods will be offered to delight the palate

Donations of period foods are needed for the groaning board. These can be food or drink, main or side dishes or desserts. We will also have a prize table this year. Contributions are needed and welcomed. If you are interested in providing an A&S item for display or hands-on learning or to otherwise volunteer please contact the Autocrat or coordinator listed.

Contests (sponsor):

Best Promissory Scroll w/ Angel in illumination (Cailte)

Best Angelic Dessert (Cailte)

Best Angel in any Medium (live angels welcome :-);

adult, youth & populace choice categories (Maria)

Site: Jeanne Bellamah Park (aka Fighter Practice Park), 11516 Summer NE, off Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank.

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Estrella War Press Release

Greetings unto the populace of the great Kingdom of the Outlands,

As the drums of Estrella War in the Kingdom of Atenveldt do beckon. And as we seek to recreate the Middle Ages and Renaissance, **Mistress Eibhilin ni Mhaghnuis** calls upon all instructors of the arts and sciences to share their knowledge.

Persons interested in teaching classes at Estrella War are greatly encouraged to contact the following sub-autocrat: Mistress Eibhilin ni Mhaghnuis at aidlan@hotmail.com, or by letter: Debbi Kuzik 45 E. 9th Place #7, Mesa, AZ 85201. Those interested in teaching must reply before **October 31st**.

Please indicate the topic of the class, an outline of the information provided in the class, length of time needed to teach, if there will be a cost (and why), if the class is lecture or hands-on, and whether students need to provide their own supplies (and what) or if they will be provided for them. Please also indicate what days and times you would be available to teach.

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Sir Johannes von Brueckenheim, the Merchant Autocrat would like prospective merchants to know that information packets are being mailed out after August 1. If you have not already contacted him and are interested, he can be reached at John Van Hassell, 2136 E. Cornell Dr. Tempe, AZ 85283, phone: (480) 345-0150, or e-mail: windroses@qwest.net.

Lady Eden Blacksmith, the Entertainment Autocrat, is calling all Singers, Musicians, Dancers, Jugglers, Actors, Puppeteers, Company of Players, Her-alds, Bards, Clowns, Balloon Animal Artists, Performers of all kinds...yes, even Mimes! We need your talents on Stage, at Merchant's Row, Troll and through out the War.

This is your opportunity to share the Dream and bring a smile to a child's face or a tear to a man's eye. You will have an opportunity to "pass the hat" and sell your tape or CD.

Scheduling is taking place now, so contact Lady Eden Blacksmith soon. Here is her contact info: Sonja Boroughf, 1730 Gates Ave Kingman, AZ 86401, phone: 520-753-8064, e-mail: edenblacksmith@usa.net or entertainmentat-estrella@yahoo.com.

Want to write a check for your Estrella War registration? Pre-registration opens August 15, 2001. **Lady Gilliana Spencer de Windermere**, Pre-Registration Autocrat, wants to remind all that the deadline for early payment discount and personal checks deadline is an envelope postmarked by 10/31/01. Don't forget to take your discount: \$5.00/adults \$2 youths. Pre-registration forms will be sent to your local chronicler by August 15.

Don't forget about volunteering... **Lady Deidre the Herbalist** is looking for people to volunteer their time at the war. Volunteering helps the war to run smoothly and you can help earn money for you local group. Sign up early, sign up often. Lady Deidre (Laura Rutherford) can be reached at 1825 N. 17th Avenue, Phoenix, 85007, Phone: 602-253-9543, e-mail: egwene81@hotmail.com.

The main autocrat contact info is Duchess Alisandra (Marcia Eager), 19805 N. 63rd Drive, Glendale, AZ 85308, Phone: (623) 825-5780, E-mail: eager@primenet.com and Duchess Amanda (Amanda Norton), 11582 S. Dawn Dr., Yuma AZ 85367, Phone: (520) 305-9383, E-mail: anorton@c2i2.com.

In the coming months look for more information on a variety of subjects related to Estrella War XVIII in your Kingdom Newsletter, and this newsletter.

Until then, I remain,
In service to the Kingdom,
Baroness Eilidh MacMurtrie
Publicity Autocrat

Make a Wish Foundation Equestrian Demo Recap

Greetings unto the populace of mighty al-Barran does Master Adam Stedefast send greetings.

On Saturday, July 7, the Barony of al-Barran participated in the Make a Wish Foundation Charity Horse Fair at the Arabian Horse Show. In addition to performing twice during the horse show, the barony provided fight-a-knight, court dancing, rapier fighting, an arts & sciences display and a strong presence throughout the day.

The two people responsible for this demo are Duchess Aziza for spearheading this project and rounding up volunteers and Lady Dubheasa for orchestrating the equestrian portion and providing the equipment. The barony was contacted only two and a half weeks before the demo and was entreated most earnestly to participate. These two ladies worked tirelessly in order to put together this demo in such a short period of time.

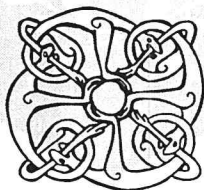
Many thanks to the following riders who contributed their talents and performed so well: Sir Trevor, Lady Fermina, Countess Aindrea, THL Siubhan, Lady Dubheasa, Lord Ponce, and Lady Laurel.

Heartfelt thanks to the following volunteers who served as ground crew, set-up crew, list officers, marshals, combatants, heralds, court dancers, contributors to the Arts & Sciences display: Duchess Elisheva, Sir Aelric, Sir Bohemond, Don Govanen, Lord James David, Lady Rheinwylydd, Lord Brenna-inn, Lady Gwyneth, Lord Aehdon, Lady Barbara, Lord Stjerne, Lord Coinneach, Lady Leonore, Lord Ryan, Lady Alethea, Lord Daniel, Lady Derdruí, Lady Anne, Lady Danica, Lord Wulfgar, Lady Bridget, Lady Molly, Lord Eldoneri, Lord Michael, Lord Cristobal, Lord Aethelwulf, Lady Brenna, Lord Cameron, Lord Canus, Lady Kira, Ameris, Arthur, Bronwen, Bronwyn, Darius, Gabriel, Jade, Jedcari, Tancred, and Thomas.

These good gentles worked exceptionally hard to make al-Barran look good. We can be as proud of this demo team as we are of our growing cavalry.

In service,

Adam



Gammer Gurton's Needle

In August, Gammer Gurton's Needle will meet at Delia the Rose of Thorncastel's house at the southwest corner of Aspen and San Pedro NE. (south side of Aspen, west of San Pedro). Wilhelmina will teach tassel making beginning August 13. We are also working on replacing the banners and kneeling pillows for the Baron and Baroness. In July, Ava continued with our card weaving instruction which was very helpful.

We are having a Gammer Gurton's monthly demonstration at fighter practice at the park. We will be doing this once a month, the same time as the practice tourney. This will provide another chance for instruction and sharing since not everyone can come on Monday evenings. Please let Rosamond know if you want special instruction on any of our past projects and she will try to have a teacher at the park for you.

Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different hand-work techniques including but not limited to embroidery, lacis, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom, card weaving, etc. Please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7 p.m. (we don't meet in garb). You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your own project. If you can't make the meetings, we have copies of all instructions and patterns and can make arrangements for individual meetings with teachers. Contact Rosamond at LadyRosamond@aol.com or 865-9082 for more information.

Midsummer Thanks

Greetings and Merry Meet unto all of those of the Outlands!

Midsummer's Nights Dream was an outstanding success. We had a blast planning this wondrously fun event and we hope all that attended had a great time as well.

We would like to thank everyone that worked so hard to help make this event go smoothly. Lady Viviana, Lord Cristobal, Lord Aethelwulf, Lord James David, Lord Ryan, Lord Mordygan, Soiban, Holly, Aehdon, Lady Ahzlinn, Lord Conner, Mistress Cailte, Lord Scarbellius, Master Tore, Lord Coinneach, Morgana, Lady Danica, and Auria. Thank you also to those who took time to come up with fun and unusual tourneys, THL Steitan, Lady Dubheasa, Lord Michael, Haven, Lady Alia, Galan, Lord Thomas, and Lord Malcolm. And thank you to all the good gentles that helped out at the last minute, you relieved more stress than you will ever know!

Last but not least thank you to Jesse and her crew of playful fairies and sprites who not only stayed clear of Heyden's "Fairy Swatter" but also made it a most memorable weekend for all!

Thank you and Safe Journeys to all,

Bronwen and Gowanen Blackwell

Regular Activities

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jeanne Bellamah Park., on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Lord James David 832-5393*

Rapier Practice

Sundays, Jeanne Bellamah Park, on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Lady Rowena 266-1801*

Archery Practice

Saturdays. *Contact: Lord Steitan 832-4186*

Citizens Meeting

3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m., Animal Services Building, 8920 Lomas NE, east of Karl Malone Toyota. *Contact: Lord Stjerne 861-2907*

Heraldic Submission and Commenting Meeting

The 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 6:30 p.m., at Earl Cathyn and Lady Alia's home, 207 Dartmouth SE, Albuquerque. *Contact: THL Pendar 866-4369*



Court Dance Practice

In August, Sundays (12, 19, 26), 1:00 p.m. to 3:0 p.m. at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah Park). Dance practice is open to everyone age 11 and up. *Contact: Lady Barbara 293-7453*

Blaidwyn Fighter Practice

Wednesdays, 5 p.m., southwest corner of Johnson Field (directly across from Denny's). *Contact: Lord Heyden 232-3691*

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. *Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082*

Period Acting

Meetings held Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Gatewood Apartments Community Room, 6300 Montgomery Blvd. *Contact: Lyonette 881-1758*

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